

REMARKS

By the present amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 2, 3-8, 10 and 16, cancelled Claims 1, 11-15, and 17-22, and added Claims 23-25. Claims 2, 4-10, 16, and 23-25 remain pending in the present application. Claims 23, 24 and 25 are independent claims.

In the recent Office Action dated July 26, 2004, the Examiner objected to Claims 3, 5, 19 and 21 because of a minor informality. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 17, 18, 20, and 21, were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bik. Claims 3, 16 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bik, taken alone, or in view of Chien (USPN 5,926,440). Claims 1-12 and 16-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Norman (USPN 4,872,150), taken alone, or in view of Chien (USPN 5,926,440). The Examiner indicated Claims 13-15 would be allowable over the prior art of record if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and of any intervening claims.

With regard to the claim objections, Applicant has amended Claims 3 and 5 to correct the noted informality, and canceled Claims 19 and 21. Specifically, Claims 3 and 5 have been amended by adding -- one of -- before "2 display" as suggested by the Examiner.

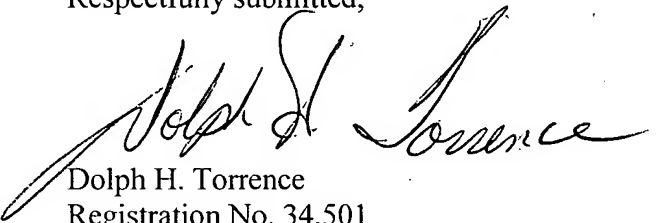
The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. In this regard, Applicant has added new independent Claims 23, 24 and 25, which correspond substantially to allowable Claims 13, 14 and 15, respectively, rewritten in independent form. The dependency of Claims 2, 4-8, 10 and 16 has been changed to now depend from Claim -- 23 --. Applicant respectfully submits that for at least these reasons, newly added independent Claims 23, 24 and 25, along with the respective dependent Claims 2, 4-10 and 16, are allowable over the prior art applied of record.

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For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

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